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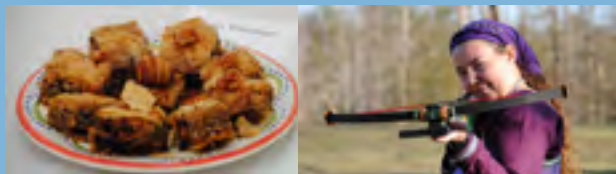
The Story Behind the Cover Image

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Trial by Fire - An Invitation by Deirdre O'Bardon

The flames burn bright all day and night.
Before you is an awesome sight
The archers shoot and seldom miss
The smells of cooking bring you bliss
The poets craft their spells with words
The sounds of song are gladly heard
A welcome is prepared for you
Please share with us what you do
Where all is joy and never ire
It's almost time for Trial by Fire!

Please plan to join us in the Barony of Bright Hills for Trial by Fire September 8-10.



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A Note from Your Chronicler

Pennsic is past, and fall events are in abundance starting with Trial by Fire in just a week. I hope to see all of you there. This is one of my favorite events I spend weeks looking for a period recipe that might be tasty and challenging, that in and of itself is a challenge because not all medieval recipes do I find tasty. I also had the opportunity to talk to Chirhart and Bec about the beginnings of Trial by Fire it was fascinating to hear the excitement in their voices as they talked about the simple beginnings in their backyard. I hope you will enjoy this issue and it's history. Don't be afraid to share what you know about Bright Hills history, those of us who are still sprouts in the Barony want to hear it.

Yours in Story, Song and Service,
Lady Scholastica Joycors
Chronicler of Bright Hills

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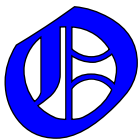
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THE BARONY OF BRIGHT HILLS

Hail and Hearty Greetings to our Barony of Bright Hills



ur thriving and bonnie barony has made it thru another summer season and we are settling ourselves into Autumn's warm embrace. Much is the bounty of our lands and many are the worthy souls that call this place home. We have had the great fortune of seeing their Majesties take notice and bestow their honors to no small few.

But now is not the time to sit back and bask in what has been for there is yet so much yet to come. So pick yourselves up from your respite and come join us as we travel to-

- ☼ Sept 2nd. Ravens Cove Birthday in Richland, NC.
- ☼ Sept 8-10th we shall stay close to home at Trial by Fire/Lochmere Arrow at the Baltimore Bowman.
- ✕ We will not be traveling to University this go round, but wish all who go safe travels.
- ☼ September 23-24th will see us at Battle on the Bay to bid farewell to our friends Gabrell and Avice and greeting the new baronage, Lord Cormac and Lady Sarra.
- ☼ The first weekend in October, we will be traveling down in BorderVale Keep, Augusta, GA, for the coronation of Count Amos and Countess Kara.
- ☼ As always you will find us Friday evenings at fight practice.

As ever we encourage you all to come out to our weekly fighter practice in Woodlawn. Please come join us in celebration and revelry. We look forward to seeing you all!

Yours in Service and Gratitude,

Kollack and Rebecca von Zweckel

Baron and Baroness of Bright Hills

Minutes of the Bright Hills Board Meeting

July 14, 2017 - 7:26 p.m.

Attendees: Erin Scimeca, Rebecca & Kenneth Kepple, Jay and Amy Nardone, Debbie Eccles, MyLinda Butterworth, Jill Crowther-Peters, Barb & Robert Kriner, Claudia Bosworth, Karen Whitlock, Randy Feltman, Karen Seitze, Hunter Fowler, Wanda Kinnie, Michelle England.

Report from the Baronage:

Had a great time at the Rabbit demo. Will be attending Trial by Fire and Battle on the Bay. Congratulations to Bruce for getting his Golden Dolphin at Pennsic and Richard Wyn for his elevation to a Laurel and Godai for getting the Companion of Saint Aidan.

Officer Reports:

Seneschal: Lady Ailis inghean uì Bhriain — Ready to send for bids on coronets.

Chronicler: Lady Scholastica Joycors — Yeoman was sent out in a timely manner and quarterly report was posted.

Exchequer: Lady Clara — On time report.

Webminister: Lord Janyn Fletcher of Lancastreschire — The web page is up to date and I have also updated our champions based on information provided at our last meeting..

Heralds Report: Lord Richard Wyn — No report.

A&S Report: Lord Alexander de Burdegala — A&S Newcomer night scheduled for October 8.

Chatelain Report: Lady Rebekkah Samuel — Mysti Garrett, ska Lady Khadijah: temporary transplant from Ansteorra. Vincent: returning to the SCA after 15 years. Interested in sewing, archery and illumination.

Knights Marshall: Lord Randver Askmadr — No report.

Minister of the List: Lord Alexander Fowler — No MoL activities this past month. I am looking forward to busy September. Working Troll and MOL at Trial by Fire.

Youth Minister: Lady Katarzyna Witkowska — Our table at Pennsic was a huge success. The children painted 140 stained glass sun catchers. We could have used more. Again our volunteers, Wilda, Ken and Jenna Hawkins heard the comment "This is the best table!"

I taught three youth classes at Pennsic: Fun with Herbs, Cinderella Tales Across Time, and How to Write a Fairy Tale. All were well attended by children and adults.

Trial by Fire will see not only YAFA classes but these classes will be certified as Page's classes as well. Youth activities include: A dragon hunt, A relay on horseback (stick horses of course), and a painting, coloring, decorating project.

Guild Reports:

Armors — No report.

Bardic Circle — No report.


Brewers — No report

Cheese Mongers: Master Chirhart — No report.

Clothiers — No report.

Cooks Guild: Baroness Wynne ferch Rhodri — On Sunday, August 20, the Bright Hills Cooks Guild held its meeting, and what a meeting it was! We had 12 members in attendance at Brienna and Gustav's home.

First came my deepest thanks to all who made the Bright Hills Open House at Pennsic 46 a success. House Blackstar shone brightly as the place of meeting. Thank-you Jeanne, Judith, Bruce, India, Nina, Aye and any other at the camp site, forgive me if I have not named you, you are in my



heart. Thanks also to Cordelia, Barre, Meave, Brienna, Gustav, Raven, Alexander for all the foods you provided. We had sooooo much! There are others who I have not named and I thank you as well, please forgive an old lady her memory lapses. There were wonderful comments, pleasing moments and many surprises for the denizens Bright Hills and friends. Congratulations Lord Bruce...newest Golden Dolphin. Your reaction is why I treasure my position as a Herald. So now we only have 49 weeks of Town Run to go, let's start planning for the next Open House! It's never too early to star. ;-)

Trial by Fire- Friday to Sunday, September 8-10, at the Baltimore Bowman- The site opens at 5:00 pm, but the autocrat, Lady Deirdre will be there around 2:00 pm and we need help setting up the pavilions and flies.

The following is a list of items and who will provide it-

Washing station- Wynne

Tablecloths- Brienna, Jeanne, Wynne

Soap for gifts- Brienna

Breakfast- Livi, Brienna, Wynne

Chipped beef and biscuits, oatmeal, fruit, 2% milk, butter, brown sugar, coffee, tea.

Lunch- Cordelia, Jeanne, Wynne

Soups, egg salad, tuna salad sandwiches, fruits, veggies, lemonade, tea, cookies.

"Wooden" coolers- Alexander

If you have anything to add to the pot luck for the evening feast please feel free to bring it.

Harvest Wars- Friday- Sunday, October 13-15 at Caroline County 4-H Park, 8314 Detour Road, Denton MD 21629.

While the Guild is not officially providing the feast, we are assisting the Autocrat, Baroness Tatiana, to "pad out" the menu.

Harvest Wars Feast

On table- Bread (wheat, barley, rye) plain and herbed butters, cheeses, pickled veggies (onions, beets, mushrooms, etc.) mustard eggs, gourd soup.

First Course- Stuffed pork loin, cabbage with apples and bacon (?), noodles, broccoli and savory cheese, spiced apple sauce.

Second Course- Beef roast, barley and mushrooms, heritage carrots.

Dessert Course- Apple crumble, baked apples with fiery caudle, pear and apple galette (?)

Head table- venison roast-1st, duck-2nd

Battle on the Bay and Lochmere Investiture- September, 22-24, 2017, Patuxent River Park 16000 Croom Airport Ed Upper Marlboro, MD 20772.

It was suggested that the Guild offer to provide dishes for a light lunch and possibly for the various vigils to be held that day. More information will be forthcoming.

Baronial Birthday- Saturday, February 10, 2018. Lord Alexander has chosen "The Book of Hours" as a theme. Fourteenth century France has many, many recipes available and it will promise to be a fine feast. We will be looking for someone to act as Head Cook.

The next meeting will be at Trial by Fire, on Saturday instead of Sunday. It will be brief and be reporting updates to the Harvest Wars Feast.

Herb Group – Faolan Mac Raghnaill— No report.

PAGE : Lady Yseulte — No report.

St. Matthias – No report.

Scriptorium: Lady Aemilia Rosa — Nothing to report for Scriptorium.

TAG — Mistress Brienna Llewellyn — No report

Woodworkers – No report.

Old Business:

Trial by Fire to be held on September 8-10. Kingdom A&S winner will be doing two classes. to holding a fundraising lunch. Potential breakfast. Dinner is a potluck meal as always, please be sure to bring a dish to feed 8-10 to share. Chirhart has the tent for the cooking competition 20x330. Signs for directions to be put up by Randy. The Marshal in charge is David.

Harvest Wars the pricing will be changed to make it more understandable. Preregistration for an Adult is \$17 the member discount is \$12. At the Gate for Adults is \$20 and the member discount is \$15. Feast is \$13 regardless. There will dressage for youth and adults with Anne Deveraux, MOL needs to be on the website. Godai will be doing target archery. We should go for three handicapped port-a-pots. Spaggia is doing lunch and there will be a potluck dinner for all those who attend on Friday night.

Vote on Baronial birthday bid postponed till next meeting when Alexander (Larry) can be here.

Update on Royal Archery Tournament it will be April 14, 2018 with a \$10 site fee.

New Business:

Do we know if there is a site for Unevent yet. Baroness Wynn is looking for a space.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Next meeting: September 15, 2017

Trial by Fire Activities

P	N	O	I	P	M	A	H	C	D	N	A	R	G	B	ARCHERY
C	N	J	S	V	R	X	U	M	U	O	K	J	V	R	BARDIC
W	U	O	F	I	L	L	A	Y	B	P	E	E	E	I	BRIGHT HILLS
H	O	C	I	T	Y	I	D	K	A	R	X	C	G	G	CHILDREN
R	T	R	U	T	N	W	D	X	I	M	A	O	E	H	COMPETITION
C	C	X	R	D	A	X	P	F	H	E	Y	M	T	T	DESSERT
B	A	H	I	A	J	T	Y	X	O	R	R	P	A	H	DOCUMENTATION,
F	C	S	I	V	E	B	N	A	A	W	T	E	B	I	GRAND CHAMPION
V	H	T	J	L	L	R	I	E	T	C	E	T	L	L	GRAINS
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E	T	A	C	R	C	E	Z	N	C	C	A	O	U	T	SEKUNJABIN
B	H	T	R	E	S	S	E	D	Y	K	O	N	D	I	TRIAL BY FIRE
I	H	I	J	G	A	R	C	H	E	R	Y	L	I	G	VEGETABLES

Hidden within these columns of letters are many of the activities happening at Trial by Fire. You will find them up, down, diagonally or even backwards. Have fun. See you September 9th.

Atlantian Calendar of Events

September 2017

8-10	Raven's Cove Baronial Birthday (R)	Raven's Cove	
8-10	Trial by Fire	Bright Hills	Glen Arm, MD
8-10	Rip Rap War (R)	Mariunus	Courtland, VA
8-10	Southern War Practice IX	Ritterwald	New Ellenton, SC
16	Fall University	Atlantia	
22-24	Sacred Stone Baronial Birthday and Investiture (Q)	Sacred Stone	Blacksburg, SC
22-24	Battle on the Bay & Lochmere Investiture (K)	Lochmere	Upper Marlboro, MD
29-1	Bash with Bacchus	Seven Hills	Big Island, VA
29-1	War of the Eight Saints	Hawkwood	Marion, NC
30	Performers Revel South	Elvegast	Garner, NC

October 2017

6-8	Fall Coronation 2017 (R,H)	Border Vale Keep	Augusta, GA
13-15	Harvest Wars	Bright Hills	Denton, MD
14-15	Njal Saga	Aethelmearc	
18-22	War of the Wings XII (R)	Sacred Stone	Boonville, NC

November 2017

4	Atlantian Fall Crown Tourney (R)	Storvik	College Park, MD
10-12	Tournament at Elchenburg Castle	Charlesbury Crossing	Booneville, NC
11	Fantastic Beasts and Where to Hunt Them/Baronical Birthday	Dun Carraig	Nanjemoy, MD
18	Buckston Birthday Bash	Buckston-on-Eo	Burlington, NC
18	Holiday Faire	Stierbach	Manassas, VA

December 2017

2	Unevent	Atlantia	
8-10	Yule Toy Tourney XII	Nottinghamill Coill	Pickens SC
9	Yule on the Bridge	Ponte Alto	Reston, VA
9	In a Phoenix Eye: Change of Seasons	Sacred Stone	Winston-Salem, NC

Fear less, Hope more: Eat less, Chew more:
Whine less, Breathe more: Hate less, Love more:
and all good things are yours.

Swedish Proverb



Trial by Fire/Lochmere Arrow
September 8-10, 2017 • Barony of Bright Hills

Trial by Fire/Lochmere Arrow is returning to Bright Hills September 8-10. Archers will vie for the coveted Lochmere Arrow. The bards will keep all entertained. Plus, this year is the 20th anniversary of the Trial By Fire cooking competition, so the cooks have some special competitions planned. Camping is available and there will be a potluck Saturday night. It's time to put it on your calendar, so you don't miss out.

Website: http://brighthills.atlantia.sca.org/?page_id=896

MARTIAL ACTIVITIES: Archers will compete for the right to bring the Lochmere Arrow home to their barony, shire or canton. The actual shoot is always creative, fiercely contested and a lot of fun!

LOCHMERE ARROW COMPETITION: Good gentles, Bright Hills will be hosting the Lochmere Arrow this year. Anyone can participate in this shoot. To compete for the Lochmere Arrow you will need to have teams of two from any Barony, Shire or Canton. Teams of two will shoot together and at the end of the day the highest score will be the winner of the Lochmere Arrow. If you win this competition you or your group agrees to host next year's Lochmere Arrow.

TRIAL BY FIRE COMPETITION: This is the 20th anniversary of the Trial by Fire competition, so all previous Grand Champions are asked to mentor entrants in this competition! We hope to have lots of cooks and lots of mentors!

The basic Trial by Fire competition requires period recipes to be prepared onsite over using open flames and limited to cooking technologies used at the Pennsic War. No electricity allowed! However, you can use fire bowls, camp stoves, caterer's burners and hand tools. Documentation is required. Minimum documentation would include the original recipe, its source and your redaction. If the recipe uses period ingredients and methods, but not a period recipe, document all ingredients and methods to one culture, time and place. If there is an issue as to whether specific ingredients are period, Food by Waverly Root may be used to make that determination. More information to be found on the website.

BARDIC COMPETITION: Bright Hills Bardic Champion, Lord Faolan Mac Raghnaill, will hold a bardic competition. Mistress Fevronia is hosting a bardic competition at Trial by Fire. You need to perform two pieces, one period and one on either archery or fire. So get your hot stuff together and come on out to Trial by Fire for some fun and maybe go home with a prize!

POETRY COMPETITION: Lady Deirdre O'Bardon is offering a prize for the best poem in any period style about fire, food, archery or bards. Don't let the period requirement scare you. Most rhyming poetry is in a period style. This includes couplets, four line stanzas, three line stanzas and lots more! You get extra points for documentation.

OTHER: Lady Livia di Samuele is bringing her famous Sekunjabin Tavern to Trial by Fire/Lochmere Arrow.

SITE RESTRICTIONS: No alcohol on the archery field. No ground fires outside of firepits.

FEAST: Feast will be a potluck dinner. Just bring a dish large enough to feed at least 8.

LUNCH: There will be a fundraiser lunch sponsored by the Equestrians.

SITE: Graham Memorial Park, 10301 Harford Road, Glen Arm, MD 21057. Site opens 5:00 pm Friday and closes at noon on Sunday.

COST: Adult Full Price - \$17; Adult Member Discount \$12.00, Children 5-7 \$6.00

Make checks payable to SCA, Inc., Barony of Bright Hills.

Fall University
September 16, 2017 • Barony of Caer Mear

Come!! Teach!! Learn!! University classes will be held at the Louisa County Middle School, 1009 Davis Hwy, Mineral, Va. the site opens at 9 AM. A box lunch will be available for a small price.

Sacred Stone Baronial Birthday & Investiture
September 22- 24, 2017 • Barony of Sacred Stone

As seasons change, so must our fair barony. Please join us to celebrate our birthday, say good-bye to our beloved Marc and Alianor, and welcome our newest baronage!

Site: Camp York, Kings Mountain State Park, 1277 Park Rd, Blacksburg, SC 29702

website: <http://sacredstone.atlantia.sca.org/baronial-birthday/>

Battle on the Bay & Lochmere Investiture
September 22- 24, 2017 • Barony of Lochmere

Come join the mighty Baronies of Lochmere and Storvik as they bid farewell and safe travels to the stalwart Baron Gabrell and the lustrous Baroness Avice of Lochmere as they journey to distant lands, and help us celebrate the investiture of the new Baron and Baroness of Lochmere. The year is 1302, and we are in the beautiful land of Flanders. The Flemish people have had enough of the occupying French forces, and the tables may turn on the better trained and equipped French.

Website: http://www.atlantia.sca.org/137-events/167-event-flyer?event_id=8fe214e0

Fall Coronation 2017

October 06- 08, 2017 • Shire of Border Vale Keep

The year is 1190. On Crusade, Richard I has stopped in Sicily to rescue his favorite sister, the newly widowed Queen Joan. Join Their Royal Highnesses, Amos and Kara as They celebrate Their Coronation in this diverse culture.

The Fighting will follow Richard and his army across the island. The Arts and Sciences will celebrate the fusion of Islamic, Byzantine and Norman cultures.

Website: merrystone.net



We invite you to join our Campaign to save the harvest from invaders.

We Promise:

Heavy Fighting • Archery
Rapier • Thrown Weapons
Youth Combat (if enough interest)
Hobby Horse Dressage • Sheep Tosses
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A&S Displays and Contests
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Spine Tingling Bardic

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Merchants Welcome

Barony of Bright Hills
Caroline County 4-H Center
Denton, Maryland

for more information contact autocrat at crbosworth@aol.com



War of the Wings XII

October 18- 22, 2017 • Barony of Sacred Stone

The Kingdom shall be divided into its wings : East (White) versus the West (blue). The Kingdom Warlords shall select warlords to lead the armies of the wings. The wings shall compete in marshal and A&S activities to determine the victor!

Website: <http://warofthewings.com>



Lore from the Larder



Trial by Fire: The Beginning

by Baroness Wynne ferch Rhodri

many years ago, when the world and we were young, many thoughts came to members of the Bright Hills Cooks Guild.

"We have triumphed over mundane meals. We have brought forth period dishes for the good Gentles of Barony and Kingdom using recipes from ancient texts. Our redaction and cooking skills have improved with every feast and there is no kitchen in all of Atlantia that has stumped us yet...what now?"

As they thought and thought, Pennsic War came and went; feasts were made and eaten and even more period dishes were translated into modern recipes and still nothing new presented itself to the cooks of the Guild. That is until one small voice asked...

"Why don't we try to cook as the ancestors did? Why not try to find a campfire, hearth or Weber grill and make these period meals that way?"

And thus was born, "Trial by Fire". Okay maybe that wasn't the exact way everything happened, but hopefully you get the idea.

The Guild, in order to provide an outlet for its need to cook and share the experience with others came up with this wiz-bang idea. Find a period recipe and prepare it over an open fire without electrical devices, as is the situation at Pennsic.

"Let's have four categories, grains, meats, vegetables and desserts," they said, "and award prizes in each category as well as an over-all winner. We'll invite all of Atlantia's cooks to compete and then we'll serve these dishes to those who came to watch."

And over the years the Bright Hills Cooks Guild did just that.

This year marks the 20th Anniversary of the Trial by Fire competition and something new has been added. This year, past Grand Champions are offering their skills as mentors to anyone who wants one. We would like all our baronial members to participate and enjoy the thrill of preparing medieval recipes, over an open fire. We invite you to research the recipe, write a simple documentation if you so desire, and attend the upcoming Trial by Fire, Saturday, 8-10 September at the Baltimore Bowman, 10301 Harford Road, Glen Arm, MD 21057. Site opens 5:00 pm Friday and closes at noon on Sunday.

Check out the web site: http://brighthills.atlantia.sca.org/?page_id=896

Also contact Guild Mistress, Baroness Wynne ferch Rhodri for information on past Grand Champions. E-mail info is on the Bright Hills web site. http://brighthills.atlantia.sca.org/?page_id=17

Keeping the Fire Burning • A Short History of Trial by Fire

by Master Chirhart Blackstar and Mistress Jeanne Tenneur de Bec

It all began on January 25, 1997 (Anno Societatis XXXI) at the first Bright Hills Baronial Cooks' Guild. There were three individuals in attendance – Lady Margherita Tessatrice (the Baronial Minister of Arts and Sciences), Lady Cordelia FitzRobert of York, and Mistress Jeanne Tenneur de Bec (then Seneschal of the Barony). The meeting was held in our home (Mistress Jeanne and Master Chirhart Blackstar), and during the meeting it was decided that Lady Cordelia would be the head of the guild, since the others were holding baronial offices.

This was one of the best decisions ever made, because Cordelia knows more about medieval cooking than almost anyone (certainly more than anyone else in the Barony), and she taught us all a great deal over the next few years.

One of Cordelia's best ideas was the challenge of Trial by Fire. Because the Cooks' Guild typically works as a team, preparing feasts and our infamous "light lunches" and bake sales, this challenge would allow the individual cooks to demonstrate their own skills.

The Challenge - To create a period dish under the conditions found at PENNSIC.

For those who wonder what this means, cooking is to be done under 'primitive' or outdoor conditions. Open fire/ fire pits, Barbeque, propane burner or gas grill, charcoal or wood fired grills, Hibachi's, etc. No gas, electric, or battery operated appliances.

There are four categories of competition (see below), and one may choose to compete in just one or up to four of them.

1. Best Meat (includes fish and shellfish)
2. Best Vegetable
3. Best Grain (includes breads)
4. Best Dessert
5. Grand Champion (to be awarded at the judges' discretion)

Judging is based on the following criteria:

1. The presence of documentation.
2. Taste
3. Texture
4. Presentation
5. Bonus points based on the judge's experience in the field of period cooking, for example: if a dish has been religiously copied from a period source despite complexity or cost, or if a dish displays notable creativity within a recipe, etc.

The first Trial by Fire was held on July 6, 1997 in our backyard. It was a great success and was followed the next year by the "Son of Trial by Fire" under the guidance of the new guildmaster, Lord Hans van Horne was also held in our backyard and attracted quite a crowd. It was on this occasion the quote, "I didn't know that cooking was a spectator sport," came into being.

Trial by Fire three and four were also at our home.

Trial by Fire five was held in conjunction with an event autocratted by Baroness Ekaterina (now Chagan Baghsi), called One Last Chance, which was held on a farm in Jarrettsville.

Trial by Fire six came back to our backyard.

Trial by Fire seven was hosted by Mistress Chryse and Lord Simon.

Trial by Fire eight was hosted by Lord Roberto du Nord and Lady Juliana.

Trial by Fire nine was held on a rainy day at the Baronial Farm and hosted by Baron Temur and Baroness Chagan.

Trial by Fire ten thru fourteen were all held at our home.

Trial by Fire fifteen was held in 2011. I wasn't able to locate information about it.

Trial by Fire sixteen was held on September 8, 2012, It was at this time that it was held as part of the Archers, Bards and Cooks event, partnering with the archers and the Lochmere Arrow competition.

Trial by Fire seventeen I have no information about.

Since 2014, Trial by Fire (18, 19 and now 20) has been held as part of a larger event, again with the archers. Since Bright Hills has won the Lochmere Arrow so often, this has been a wonderful partnership.

All together ten of the twenty Trial by Fires' were held in our backyard. It grew from a simple event that according to my husband wasn't an official event. He said, " it was just something to get people together without the constraints of real judging. An event just for fun, a good lazy day filled with friends and lots of food. Trial by Fire was created as a good place to practice for Pennsic and for each person to be able to cook on their own within medieval guidelines, to show off their skills."

Chirhart continued, " As this non-event grew people from other baronies asked to join in the fun and then it became a competition. For me though," he said, "It is a great memory of good food, fun, and friendship."

Sometimes the most simple of ideas grows legs and takes on a life of it's own, but remembering the history of it all keeps us grounded. So let's light the fire and get cooking!



SCA Equestrian Activities for the New or Non-Equestrian

by Baroness Cowych Da Silend

how to get involved with Equestrian Activities whether you're a horse-owner, horseless rider, or helpful supporter – these could be 3 separate classes unto themselves, but for now, we'll discuss how to become generally involved with SCA Equestrian Activities.

Perhaps the hardest (but the most important) part of all – **INTRODUCE** yourself!

Perhaps the most intimidating part of joining any new activity is getting your foot in the door and becoming familiar with others in the same field. It's even harder when those involved in the activity seem to be so very busy and hard-pressed for time during the day (what with taking care of the horses, keeping the tourney field set up for each run, etc.) But it IS worth it to get to know those involved.

If people seem too busy, or if you're not quite up to engaging in a conversation while the activity is in full swing, then take a seat in the gallery to watch the challenges and make a mental note to go up and introduce yourself later that evening. Maybe at feast or by the bardic fire. What is the best way to start a conversation? Compliment their steed – "I saw you earlier on the field; you and your [equine] competed admirably!" Complimenting a rider's steed is a surefire way to start a conversation with ANY equestrian.



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Another great place to start – Volunteer as ground crew

Equestrians ALWAYS need ground crew to help at events. Whether that is keeping time, writing down scores, resetting challenges, or making sure both mounts & riders are watered, Ground crew are ALWAYS appreciated and needed. This is the best way to become familiar with the games, as well as other equestrians. You don't have to ride to be ground crew, and we have several non-riders who regularly help us reset challenges, as well as keep track of our Lists and heralding (very similar to the Fighting List-Mistresses). At Gulf Wars, there is even a 'Best of the Ground Crew' challenge!

Have a horse and want to get involved?

Read and Understand the Equestrian Handbook. If you need clarification, the KEO is always willing to answer any questions you may have. You will have to go through an authorization process at an equestrian event or official practice. This generally goes much smoother if you have been in contact with the Equestrian Marshal-in-Charge ahead of time, as well as other marshals. It is suggested that you help on the ground for an event (before bringing your horse) simply so that you know how the field runs and what is expected of a horse and rider.

Attend local official (and unofficial practices) to help you and your mount become more familiar with the games and equipment (as well as other equestrians).

Ride, but don't own a horse?

Get to know the equestrians who DO own horses. Communicate your level and experience of riding with the owner and express your interest in getting involved. BE HONEST. Offer to help with the care of the horse at an event, or even with the cost of attendance (it's expensive hauling a horse and trailer away from home). Often, if the horse is gentle and well-trained, owners are more than willing to work with people in order to allow more inclusion into the equestrian activities. But don't assume that any and all owners will allow you use of their mount on your word that you know how to ride. Also, not all steeds are available for general riders. There are

often green or sensitive mounts, which simply are not ready to be ridden by anyone other than the owner. Don't let this deter you! Continue to offer your help, and be sure to talk to other owners, who just may have a horse that will fit your level.

It's a very delicate and personal decision allowing people that the owners may or may not know to ride their steed. Be aware and stay respectful of their position and their final decision.

Don't really want to ride, but still interested in equestrian activities?

We still want YOU! Ground crew is, of course, one of the most useful ways to help out and be involved without actually riding or owning a horse. Other ways include setting up and breaking down (still part of the ground crew aspect) before and after an event or challenge. Heralds for the field are a precious commodity, as well.

Photography is also very appreciated. Often, equestrians are riding or working on the field, so rarely do we have time to take photos of our steeds in action. Often, one good photo of a rider cutting through a head of cabbage is worth months of praise from the rider. And can often be found proudly displayed online, if you've given permission.

Offers to help with research, new garb (or caparisons, which is garb for the mount), and new equipment will often be met with a resounding —Thank you! While some equestrians are skilled at these things, others are not and any offer of assistance is likely to be met with a hearty hug or handshake.

Credits

“Get Involved” (no author listed)- Middle Kingdom Equestrian College –www.midrealm.org/equestrian/involved.html

Hi Madoc Ap Llewellyn – “So you would like to come play on the equestrian field and don't have a horse”

Lady Doucette de Verdun –
“When you are Horseless”

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New Medieval Books

***Sansovino's Venice: A Translation of Francesco Tatti da Sansovino's Guidebook to Venice of 1561* • by Vaughn Hart and Peter Hicks**

This is the first English translation of Francesco Sansovino's (1521–1586) celebrated guide to Venice, which was first published in 1561. One of the earliest books to describe the monuments of Venice for inquisitive travelers, Sansovino's guide was written at a time when St. Mark's Piazza was in the process of taking the form we see today.

Excerpt: *A Venetian and a Foreigner*

V.[enetian]: Tell me please, kind sir, what do you think of this city?

F.[oreigner]: If I were to tell you the truth, you would not believe me/

V.: No, please tell me, for by saying it you will be praising God.

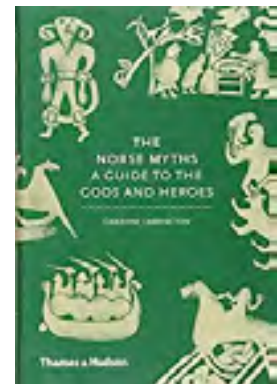
F.: She (as far as I can tell) can only be the work of the divinity, whether because of her site via which the city receives everything she needs, or because of her marvellous buildings and the great congregation of peoples here. Indeed, I have just read that when the Pope asked Mariano Sozzino the Elder, a great jurist in his time, what he thought of the city on seeing it, the latter replied: 'It seems to me a extraordinary thing because I have seen the impossible within the impossible'.



Yale University Press
ISBN:9780300175066

***The Norse Myths: A Guide to the Gods and Heroes* by Carolyne Larrington**

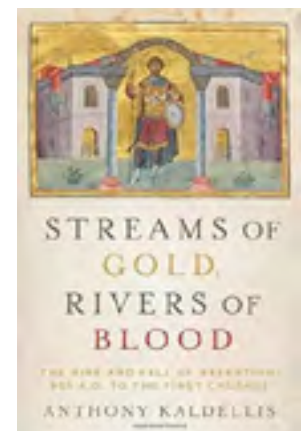
Excerpt: Who were the Norse gods? Migrants from the Near East, journeying up through Germany to reach the promised Scandinavian homeland: humans like you and me, but smarter, handsomer, more civilized. Or so claimed one Christian writer, a medieval Icelandic who recorded many of the myths and legends that have survived from the Scandinavian north. Medieval Christian scholars needed to explain why their ancestors worshipped false gods, and thus one widespread theory was that the pre-Christian gods were demons, wicked spirits sent by Satan to tempt humans into sin and error. But another very effective theory was the one put forward by Snorri Sturluson...



Thames and Hudson
ISBN:978-0500251966

***Streams of Gold, Rivers of Blood: The Rise and Fall of Byzantium, 955 A.D. to the First Crusade* by Anthony Kaldellis**

Excerpt: By following all the sources in detail and in tandem, I saw clearly for the first time patterns of imperial behavior that shaped both domestic and foreign policy. I also came to surprising conclusions, sometimes the opposite of what I expected to find. This was especially the case regarding the imperial collapse of the eleventh-century. For example, I was forced, against a Psellos-induced bias, to rehabilitate the military leadership of Konstantinos IX Monomachos. I also came to a completely different understanding of the behavior of the patriarch Michael Keroularios during the fateful summer of 1054. But more importantly, beyond the actions of specific individuals, I came to question a particular model of socioeconomic transformation that some sought to impose on this period.



Oxford University Press
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Past Knowledge

Tips from books of yore

How to Watch an Eclipse Safely, 1579 and 1658



Eclipse of 1664 (British Library 1875.d.4)

"Whosoever desyres to see the Sun eclipsed without hurting their eyes: Let them beholde the shadow therof in a vessel, wherein oyle is put: Where, they may beholde and see it without daunger. For a fatty humor is not easely troubled. And what shapes or fourmes it doth receyve: It representeth the same truely."

Thomas Lupton, *One Thousand Notable Things* (1579)

"Now I have determined to shew how the Suns Eclipse may be seen. When the Sun is Eclipsed, shut your Chamber-windows, and put a paper before a hole, and you shall see the Sun: let it fall upon the paper opposite from a Concave-glass, and make a circle of the same magnitude: do so at the beginning, middle, and end of it. Thus may you without any hurt to your eyes, observe the points of the diameter of the Suns Eclipse."

Giambattista della Porta, *Natural Magick* (1658)

How to Read Eyebrows, 1562



John Bulwer,
Anthropometamorphosis (1653),
George Peabody Library

"The eyebrowes that be very heary declare folyshnes of maners and mischiefe... The eyebrowes whyche descende downe warde on the syde of the nose, and raysed vpward on the syde of the temples, and hangyng downeward on bothe sydes declare the man to be wythout shame enuious, folyshe insatiable, and lyke vnto hogges. The eyebrowes which descend crooked on the side of the nose declare the man to be witty in naughty thinges, and whan they be crooked on the out side of the eye, they signifie the man to be recreatife & merry... When the eyebrowes comme togyther, they shewe the man to be verye pensyfe and not very wyse."

Richard Roussat, *Arcandam*

from the collections of <http://askthepast.blogspot.com> by Elizabeth Archibald

Barony of the Bright Hills

Practices and Meetings Site Directions

Heavy & Light Weapons Fighter Practices and A&S classes are held most Friday nights from

7:30 PM-10 PM

Business Meetings are held from 7 PM-8 PM the last Friday of the month (Please See Calendar)

Location: Christ the King Episcopal Church, 1930 Brookdale Rd., Baltimore, MD 21244

Although we use these facilities, the SCA is not endorsed by the Church.

Directions: Exit the Baltimore Beltway (I-695) at Exit 17 (Security Blvd Exit). Take the exit west toward Rolling Road, not the exit east toward Woodlawn. Travel west along Security Boulevard about one-half mile, through traffic-lights at Belmont Avenue, Lord Baltimore Drive, and Rolling Road. Continue west for another block, until you reach Brookdale Road. The Episcopal Church of Christ the King is on your left. Make a left turn onto Brookdale, and then turn right into the Church parking lot.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

If Baltimore County Schools announce they are closed or closing early, there will be no practice that night. You can usually hear the school closing lists on virtually any local radio station broadcast throughout the morning.

Sunday Afternoon Archery Practice

Lord Dagfinnr Jarnauga, 443-857-5178

Every Sunday 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm (See Calendar)

Location: Baltimore Bowmen Site

Go to www.baltimorebowmen.com for directions. If the gate is closed, check to make sure it is not locked. If it is not locked, open it and drive down the hill to the butts. If the gate is locked, park your car and walk down the hill to the butts. NOTE: PRACTICE WILL NOT BE HELD WHEN THERE ARE WEEKEND-LONG EVENTS AND WHEN THERE ARE EVENTS AT THE BOWMEN SITE.

Guild Gatherings

Bardic Circle/PAGE

(Sundays 4-8pm; Contact Lady Nina for exact dates or check calendar)

6414 Loch Raven Blvd. Baltimore MD 21239

ninadances@gmail.com

Woodworkers' Guild (Check Calendar)

Lord Luke of Bright Hills' house. 1020 Register Avenue, Towson, MD 21239, (410) 377-6828.

Directions: Take Baltimore Beltway 695 toward Towson. We live near the northern apex of the beltway. Take exit 29 from 695. Take Loch Raven Blvd. south, past Taylor Ave. intersection, go through two lights after Taylor, look for quick right onto Register Avenue just over peak of a hill. (If you miss Register Ave. don't despair: at next light make a right onto Loch Hill Rd., then left at stop sign onto Register Ave. If you've gone too far on Loch Raven, you will reach Northern Parkway – a huge intersection.) Our house is at 1020 Register – white house with porch on right with SCA-type banner hanging from a signpost on front lawn - large driveway. Park on the south side of Register Avenue if there is no room in driveway.

Brewer's Guild

Lady Livia di Samuele, 7927 Mandan Road Apt 104 Greenbelt, MD 20770; 301-807-5476

Abramsonsm@yahoo.com

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Clothier's Guild

Lady Faye de Trees, 1402 Hillside Dr., Bel Air, MD 21015; 352-281-8216, feataure@gmail.com.

The clothiers currently do one class per month on a specific project at Friday night fighter practice followed by a sewing session on Sunday afternoon to finish the projects. The location of the Sunday sessions varies. (Check calendar)

Textile Arts Guild

Mistress Brienna Llewellyn Lindsey, 3009 Ebbtide Dr., Edgewood, MD 21040, [410.598.3422](tel:410.598.3422), ladybrienna@gmail.com.

TAG meets the first Sunday of every month. Check calendar for location and times

Cook's Guild

Baroness Wynne ferch Rhodri ap Hwytell, jay_wynne@hotmail.com

Meets second Sunday of the month. Check calendar for location and time.

Armors' Guild

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Bright Hills Email List

To subscribe to the Bright Hills mailing list, please go to: <http://www.yahogroups.com/subscribe/brighthills>

Electronic Connection

Bright Hills Website

The Baronial website, <http://brighthills.atlantia.sca.org/> contains a listing of current officers, regularly scheduled meetings, events and other items of interest. If you have an item for the website, please send it to the Webminister,

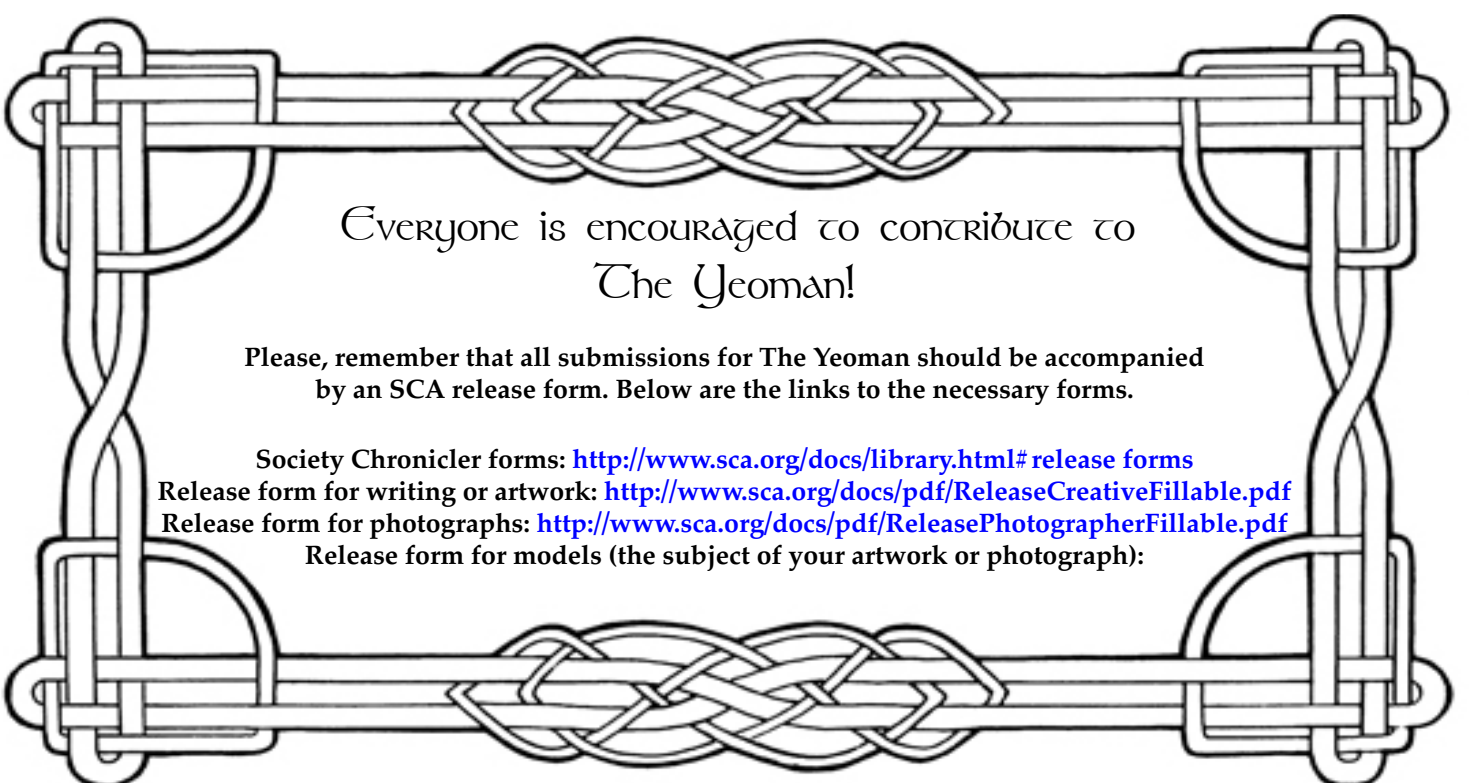
THL Janyn Fletcher of Lancastreschire at janynfletcher@comcast.net

Bright Hills FaceBook Page

The new baronial Facebook page is located at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/brighthills/>. Further information can be obtained from the administrators Lady Reyne Telarius at robynbecker@comcast.net, THL Janyn Fletcher of Lancastreschire at janynfletcher@comcast.net or Lady Aemilia Rosa at aemiliarosa@comcast.net

The Yeoman On-Line

<http://brighthills.atlantia.sca.org/yeoman/yeoman.html>



Everyone is encouraged to contribute to
The Yeoman!

Please, remember that all submissions for The Yeoman should be accompanied by an SCA release form. Below are the links to the necessary forms.

Society Chronicler forms: [http://www.sca.org/docs/library.html#release forms](http://www.sca.org/docs/library.html#release%20forms)
Release form for writing or artwork: <http://www.sca.org/docs/pdf/ReleaseCreativeFillable.pdf>
Release form for photographs: <http://www.sca.org/docs/pdf/ReleasePhotographerFillable.pdf>
Release form for models (the subject of your artwork or photograph):

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Baronial Warlord: Lord Randvar Askmodr

Brewer: Aeilean Mac Raibert

Equestrian: Mor Inghean Ui Dochartaigh

Heavy Weapons: Lord Grimkel

Rapier: Milord Conrad Muni

Children's Archery- vacant

